Reply to OA of May 18, 2004

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Delete the current Abstract and replace therewith the attached substitute Abstract.

DISCLOSURE OF THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

It is an object of the present invention to reduce the constraint that the density ratio is

constant as small as possible, and to obtain high power recovering effect in a wide operation range.

A refrigeration cycle apparatus [[uses]] using carbon dioxide as a refrigerant [[and]] has a

compressor, an outdoor heat exchanger, an expander, an indoor heat exchanger and an auxiliary

compressor. The auxiliary compressor is driven by power recover by the expander. When refrigerant

flows using the indoor heat exchanger as an evaporator, a discharge side of the auxiliary compressor

becomes a suction side of the compressor, and when refrigerant flows using the indoor heat

exchanger as a gas cooler, a discharge side of the compressor becomes a suction side of the auxiliary

compressor.

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